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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining JOHN R. BAZA

Division Director

August 16, 2011

Great American Insurance Company 580 Walnut Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Subject: <u>Authorization for Full Release of Reclamation Surety #</u>, <u>JP Excavating, Inc.</u>

Rhyolite #1 Mine, S/021/0032, Iron County, Utah

Dear Sir or Madame:

Great American Insurance Company is presently holding surety bond # _____in the amount of \$16,000.00 for the benefit of the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, as a form of reclamation surety for JP Excavating, Inc.'s Rhyolite #1 Mine. This operation has now been transferred to another operator which has provided a replacement reclamation surety for this site. Therefore, this letter will authorize the full release of surety bond.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dana Dean at 801-538-5320, or Paul Baker at 801-538-5261. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

John R. Baza

Director

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Judd Palmer, JP Excavating, Inc. CRR 7004 1166 0003 0191 9202

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May 24, 2006

Contract.

Bond Number
Surety NAIC No. 524126
Permit Number
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ATTACHMENT A

То

RECLAMATION CONTRACT
BETWEEN PRINCIPAL AND DIVISION

STATE OF UTAH

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple Suite 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Telephone: (801) 538-5291 Fax: (801) 359-3940

THE UTAH MINED LAND RECLAMATION ACT

SURETY BOND

The undersigned JP Excavating, Inc. , as Principal,
a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Utah and
Great American Insurance Company, as Surety, a Corporation
organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves,
our heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, unto the State of
Iltah Division of Oil Gas and Mining ("Division") and N/A
(other agency, if any) in the penal sum of Sixteen Thousand and 00/100
dollars (\$ 16,000.00).
This Surety Bond is provided to secure the obligations of the Principal, as set forth by the terms
and conditions of the Reclamation Contract, and any addendums thereto, to reclaim lands that will be
affected by mining operations as identified in the Notice of Intention received, or approved if
applicable, by the Division on the day of, 20
The lands that are covered by this Surety Bond are the Lands Affected by mining
operations as defined and described in the above Notice, and the Mining and
Reclamation Plan if required, subject to terms and conditions of the Reclamation

The condition of this obligation is that if the Division determines that Principal has satisfactorily reclaimed the disturbed lands in accordance with the Mining and Reclamation Plan or Notice and has faithfully performed all requirements of the Mined Land Reclamation Act, and complied with the Rules

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and Regulations adopted in accordance therewith, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect. Failure of the Principal to fulfill the obligations specified by the Mined Land Reclamation Act and the Rules adopted there under, and in accordance with the specification of the Principal's Mining and Reclamation Plan or Notice, may result in forfeiture of this bond in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations.

If the Mining and Reclamation Plan or Notice provides for periodic partial reclamation of the lands affected, and if the lands are reclaimed in accordance with such Plan or Notice, Act and regulations, then Principal may apply for a reduction in the amount of this Surety Bond. In the converse, if the Mining and Reclamation Plan or Notice provides for a gradual increase in the lands affected or the extent of disturbance, then, the Division may require that the amount of this Surety Bond be increased, with the written approval of the Surety. The amount of reclamation surety may also be adjusted as a result of a periodic review by the Division, which shall take into account inflation/deflation based upon an acceptable Costs Index, or at the request of the operator.

This bond may be canceled by Surety after ninety (90) days following receipt by the Division and Principal of written notice of such cancellation. Written notice to the Division and Principal as required by this paragraph shall be provided by certified mail or by a courier service that provides proof of delivery by signature of the recipient. Surety's liability shall then, at the expiration of said ninety (90) days, cease and terminate except that Surety will remain fully liable for all reclamation obligations of the Principal incurred prior to the date of termination.

Principal and Surety and their successors and assigns agree to guarantee said obligation and to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Division from any and all expenses (including attorney fees) which the Division may sustain in the collection of sums due hereunder.

Surety will give prompt notice to Principal and to the Division of the filing of any petition or the commencement of any proceeding relating to the bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or adjustment of the debts of Surety, or alleging any violation or regulatory requirements which could result in suspension or revocation of the Surety's license to do business.

Surety is licensed to do business in Utah and is rated by A. M. Best as A- or better or rated as having Financial Performance Rating (FPR) of 8 or better, and is listed in the U. S. Department of Treasury's Circular "570." Upon incapacity of the Surety by reason of bankruptcy, insolvency, or suspension or revocation of its license, or upon failure to maintain the A. M. Best or FPR rating and listing on Circular "570", Principal shall be without adequate bond coverage as required by the Division and shall have 120 days after notice to replace the bond with other bonds acceptable to the Division. If the Principal does not replace this surety bond as required, the Division may order cessation of mining operations and commence actions to enforce its rights against the Surety. The Surety's liability shall continue and the Surety will remain fully liable for all reclamation obligations of the Principal incurred until this surety bond is forfeited, or the conditions of this obligation have been satisfied.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and Surety hereunto set their signatures and seals as of the dates set forth below.

JP Excavating, Inc.	Dr or
Principal (Permittee) Nichoho Nice phy	esident
By (Name and Title typed):	
	3.10.2010
Signature	Date
Surety Company Cross American Transports Company	580 Walnut St.
Great American Insurance Company	
Surety Company Name	Street Address
Rossanna P. Latini	Cincinnati, OH 45202
Surety Company Officer	City, State, Zip
Attorney in Fact	513-723-2740
Title/Position	Phone Number
Rossane P. Latin	03/10/2010
Signature	Date

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SO AGREED this 3/31 day of Marg, 20 10

AND APPROVED AS TO FORM AND AMOUNT OF SURETY:

John R. Baza, Director

Utah State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

^{*}NOTE: Where one signs by virtue of Power of Attorney for a Surety, such Power of Attorney must be filed with this bond. If the Operator is a corporation, the bond shall be executed by its duly authorized officer.

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AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION

On the 10th day of March , 20	10 Rossanna P. Latini			
personally appeared before me, who being by me duly sworn did say that he/she, the said Rossanna P. Latini is the Attorney in Fact of				
Great American Ins. Co. and duly acknowl	edged that said instrument was signed on behalf			
of said company by authority of its bylaws or a resolution of its board of directors and said Rossanna P. Latini duly acknowledged to me that said company executed the same, and that				
he/she is duly authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing obligations; that said Surety is authorized to execute the same and has complied in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to becoming				
sole surety upon bonds, undertaking and obligations.				
Si	gned: Malane P. Latin Surety Officer			
Т	itle:Attorney-in-fact			
STATE OF Utah) ss: COUNTY OF Washington)				
	March , 20 10. March , 20 10. Motary Public desiding at: Santa Clara, UT 84765			
My Commission Expires:	NOTARY PUBLIC			
<u>7/28</u> , 20 <u>12</u> .	COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 28, 2012 STATE OF UTAM			

GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY®

Administrative Office: 580 WALNUT STREET * CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202 * 513-369-5000 * FAX 513-723-2740

The number of persons authorized by this power of attorney is not more than TEN

No. 0 14531

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Ohio, does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint the person or persons named below its true and lawful attorneyin-fact, for it and in its name, place and stead to execute in behalf of the said Company, as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship, or other written obligations in the nature thereof; provided that the liability of the said Company on any such bond, undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall not exceed the limit stated below.

GUYANNE L. HANSEN KEVIN W. ANDREWS STEPHANIE GARAHANA TRACY A. MERVIN VICKI SORENSON Name
JACE PEARSON
BRETT D. MAYER
GAYLE WOOD
MARK A. LATINI
ROSSANNA P. LATINI

ALL OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Address

ALL \$75,000,000.00

Limit of Power

This Power of Attorney revokes all previous powers issued in behalf of the attorney(s)-in-fact named above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed and attested by its appropriate officers and its corporate seal hereunto affixed this 19th day of, MAY , 2009.

Attest

GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF HAMILTON - ss:

DAVID C. KITCHIN (513-412-4602)

On this 19th day of MAY , 2009, before me personally appeared DAVID C. KITCHIN, to me known, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides in Cincinnati, Ohio, that he is the Divisional Senior Vice President of the Bond Division of Great American Insurance Company, the Company described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said Company; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by authority of his office under the By-Laws of said Company, and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.

This Power of Attorney is granted by authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of Great American Insurance Company by unanimous written consent dated March 1, 1993.

RESOLVED: That the Division President, the Division Senior Vice President, the several Divisional Vice Presidents and Divisional Assistant Vice Presidents, or any one of them, be and hereby is authorized, from time to time, to appoint one or more Attorneys-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company, as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship, or other written obligations in the nature thereof; to prescribe their respective duties and the respective limits of their authority; and to revoke any such appointment at any time.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Company seal and the signature of any of the aforesaid officers and any Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or certificate of either given for the execution of any bond, undertaking, contract or suretyship or other written obligation in the nature thereof, such signature and seal when so used being hereby adopted by the Company as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the Company, to be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

CERTIFICATION

I, STEPHEN C. BERAHA, Assistant Secretary of Great American Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney and the Resolutions of the Board of Directors of June 9, 2008 have not been revoked and are now in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of, March ,2010.